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Bloedsinnig oder Dummkopf?

It is doubtful whether even Mr. E. PRILLIPS OPPENHEIM. In his most generous mood of romantic fancy, would dream of attributing to one of his actitious Von Papens the incredible stupidity which marked the recent performance of the real Von Papen. That gentleman calmly loaded his person-and loaded the safe conduct for his person which at the request of the German Government the Government of the United States procured as a matter of courtesy from the British Government-with a mass of evidence incriminatory as to the very activities that were at the same time the occasion of his removal and the subject of solicitous inquiry by the American police. The British authorities properly seized this excess baggage and is turning it over to Washington.

The incident is characteristic of of the efforts and proceedings of Gerand of propaganda, in this country their images. since the war began.

We are led to speak here of the remarkable and perhaps unexpected contrast between the methods of the German agents and those of Great Britain in respect of efficiency, noiselessness and absence of offence to the American people. The comparison is be less skilful in such activities.

of the executive attaches of the Brit-VON PAPEN and BOY-ED?

As to the silence, swiftness, ceroperations, there is no comparison beand that of Great Britain.

from the American point of view.

Watchful Waiting Scores a Victory.

encouragement and relief inspired in the bosom of official Washington by the subjoined despatch, which came over the wires yesterday:

"Et Paso, Jan. 15 .- Americans were

Seeing from northern Mexico to-day." The flight of Americans from th cenes of their productive labors. from the sites of their commercial and industrial efforts, represents the final triumph of watchful walting and symbolizes the completely satisfactory Washington has decreed for the republic south of the Rio Grande.

The Fall of Montenegro.

Montenegro has been scrapped for the Tentonic heap along with Belgium and Serbia. The aged Nichonas completes a trio of Kings of the strife and revolutionary outbreaks Allies without a country.

the Austrian invasion made a val- capable citizens if a brutal Governlant resistance; but while their force ment forces them to translate the was employed upon one frontier the 1.8 degree of the familiar scale into armies of the Hapsburg poured over the 1 degree of the unnaturalized in the other boundaries. Their land vader. What, too, of the noble rec filled with starving, homeless fugi- ords of perishing cold and consuming of the agreement made yesterday, we tives from Serbia, their supplies of heat that are preserved in the memofood and ammunition exhausted and ries of our ancients if the hard wintheir little army left to fight alone, ter of '47 must be reformed to agree they were finally forced to yield to with modern science? What has so the well equipped, numerically su- ence to do with the temperatures that

perior foe. For the first time in its history be permitted to intrude in these high Montenegro is under the heel of the matters? conqueror. When Christian Europe Moreover, the centigrade device erected a military boundary along the employs many minus signs. They are Danube and the Save against Turk- annoying, perverse, generally objecish invaders, Montenegro maintained tionable. They are continually dropalone the inviolability of the Black ping out of conversation and litera-Mountains. What the Turks for five ture, thus rendering ridiculous the centuries failed to do their ally of most carefully reasoned remarks and to-day has accomplished.

bitterness. Teutonic success would,

the Macedonian possession. And, judging from Austrian methods of the past, both would be Hapsburg depen- Weather Bureau are given in the centidencies. There may be the germ of this project in the reported plan to Fahrenneit, could you without serious supplant the present house of the Karageorgevitch by an Obrenovitch, work?" thus restoring the conditions of the days of MILAN, when the doings of the Serbian Cabinet and Parliament were

subject to reversal at Vienna. Count AEHRENTHAL's dream was the collection of all the Serbs under the Austrian standard and eventually their formation into a third integral part of the heterogeneous nonarchy. Whatever hopes there were for this plan vanished at the time of the making of the Balkan league, and it is scarcely probable that the Austrian victors would now entertain the project as feasible for their vanguished enemies.

The Hohenzollern and Hapsburg militarism has fallen heaviest upon the weakest, and no small nation has escaped the sweep of its remorseless power. The Allies have been unable throughout the war to protect the weak among their numbers, although they announced as one of the cardlnal principles of their warfare the preservation of the integrity of small States of Europe. Ald from Italy that might have saved Montenegro failed as help had failed Belgium and Serbia, and with Italy's own perils increased by the Austrian successes there seems now little hope of Italian ability to restore Montenegro to her King and people.

Text for June Seventh.

We wonder, all reverently, whether when on the morning of June seventh in Chicago the Hon. G. W. PER-KINS arises and opens his Bible he will turn to Exedus xxili, and read :

*24. Thou shalt not bow down to the almost bovine ineptitude of many their gods, nor serve them, nor do after their works: but thou shalt utterly the new batteries as motive power. man agents, both of secret service overthrow them, and quite break down The first report of the disaster at the

"30. By little and little I will drive them out from before thee, until thou but the gas was not accounted for. be increased, and inherit the land."

We wonder, reverently.

Shall We Destroy the Hard Winter of Our Daddies?

Mr. JAMES H. SCARR, who regulates wholly in favor of the Government our weather-and purveys a very unwhich might have been supposed to reliable, irritating quality of weather, we are bound to say-has written to There has been no evidence of any us asking a number of questions as organized attempt either to cajole or to our preference in thermometers to browbeat public opinion in the in- and whether we are in favor of abanterest of the cause of the Allies; at doning Mr. FAHRENHEIT's scale in least no organized movement with a favor of the centigrade device that track lending back to diplomatic or of late has obtained some credit official headquarters. The attitude of abroad and at home. We tell him the action of the salt water upon the take of not only a sincere but also of the British Embassy and its person- flatly that we hold fast to FAHRENnel has been correct from the begin- HEIT and shall stick to his tube until ning to the present. There have been it is abolished. We say this with were drowned, not asphyxiated. At no known English analogues of Herr full knowledge of the probability that Doctor DEBNEURG, or of Herr Doctor Mr. SCARR wants to transfer his al-Albert or of any of the other widely legiance to the centigrade contraption It is rather significant that the buildthe Progressives and Republicans advertised head centres of Teuton and is fully capable of imposing on ers of F-4 insisted that "the item of avoid strict accountability toward proselytism or intrigue. How many us his worst weather in a mean spirit lend lining and corrosion of rivets each other they may not be too proud

We are not concerned with the ish Embassy corresponding in regard quarrel between the friends of other to legitimate functions with Captains physicists and the adherents of Mr. FAHRENHEIT as to the credit for making the thermometer mean something tainty and intelligence of detective It is a matter of indifference to us whether Mr. FAHRENHEIT obtained tween the secret service of Germany his venerated zero by poking his nose out of doors on a wintry day in Ice- be feared. The comment on the wisdom of land in 1700 and recording the tip of this restraint and the superiority of it, or mixed up a mess of pounded ice the British methods of producing re- and sal ammoniac and took that to sults is forcibly suggested when these be the coldest thing obtainable. These results are comparatively considered questions we leave to the scholars to whom the identity of Mr. WILLIAM PATTERSON'S assailant remains of interest. To us they are flat, stale an l

But we are deeply concerned in experience. the awful consequences that must follow the substitution of centigrade for Fahrenheit in the councils, conventions and congresses of weather prophets and reminiscents that are in continuous session throughout the hamlet. We look with the utmost disquiet on the inevitable misunderstandings that will arise when pre sumptuous young upstarts of 50 or so, speaking the centigrade language, character of the Government that attempt to controvert their elders by telling them that five degrees above zero is really fifteen degrees below and that sixty-eight degrees above is

actually twenty degrees above: We tremble at the dread possibili ties of shattered friendships, broken homes, disowned children, domestic involved in such disputes; we feat The Montenegrins at the outset of for the reason of many now alert and old men remember? Why should if

vitiating the most logical arguments What will be the fate of this little They would add to the discomfort country? The wrath of the Hape not only of scientific discussion, but respectable persons, and we are sure ment is about to make a protest to all

burgs has been directed especially of everyday intercourse, and at she has it. She is the victim of a neutral countries against Germany's against the Serbs, and the conquest present they should be scrupulously stupid and blundering statute, enof Serbia and Montenegro has been avoided because of their unhappy acted by Congress ostensibly to punish in a measure the working out of this facial resemblance to hyphens.

Of the ten questions Mr. Scars ha no doubt, leave both shorn of terri- chosen to submit to us in his exami- formed persons whose purpose may be tory: Montenegro shorn of the Lov- nation paper we shall answer one cen and Novi Bazar; and Serbia of explicitly: in judgment.

"If, pursuant to legislation, the ten perature data now disseminated by the grade or some other scale than the inconvenience use such data in your

We do not now and shall not in the future use Mr. Scarr's temperature data. We record it every day for the benefit of anybody who wants to amuse himself with it. Actually it bears no relation to human life. Mr. SCARR sits up on the roof of a tall building and gets summer temperatures that are without significance. A steaming, sweating, exhausted population is told by him that the day is ten degrees cooler than it really is and knows that the record is a fraud. In winter Mr. Scarr's tubes are as bad. They are set up on the false assumption that everybody works and lives on a level with the attics of the Woolworth and Metropolitan towers. We never let them his records in cuneiform for all we GARRIEL D. FAHRENHEIT.

The Latest Submarine Disaster.

dry dock in the Brooklyn navy yard calls for a prompt and searching in- the ultimate action was taken sudquiry. That such a disaster should denly, it is true; but with Teutonic ing worth repeating in his own lan have happened to this vessel is puz- exactness the astute New Orleans cor- guage, so his imitator had him partly have happened to this vessel is puz-zling. E-2 was the first submarine to be equipped with the Edison nickel ing personal knowledge of the pro-ing personal knowledge of the pro-zling and partly recite "Mrs. Enry 'Awkins." He had the grace to apolo-ing personal knowledge of the pro-zling for this innovation, and with jusing the generation of chlorine gas if attache, could not refrain from the water leaked into the batteries when triumphant reflection that it was "bethe ship was submerged. This sub- lated," or in the definitive words of marine with the new equipment had the dictionary, "delayed past the a trial on Long Island Sound on No- proper hour." vember 17 and is said to have run at the rate of thirteen knots for three temptuously of the "bloedsinnige Yau- ing of "a marriage contract" (!) and a half hours while submerged, a kees." He did not so describe them remarkable record for a compara- without a certain measure of justifitively old boat, proving the value of cation. navy yard intimated that the explosion was caused by an electric spark, mer-Lochner party abroad, and like-

board of inquiry in the case of F-4 homing fortunes. tons." F-4 must have sunk to the friend of humanity. bottom in a few minutes. Chlorine If he made a mistake in his foregas was no doubt generated from cast of possibilities, it was the missulphuric acid of the batteries, but a very generous man. the board concluded that the crew any rate, the seams of the submarine were burst by the pressure of water. would indicate lack of care," also that the sea valves should have been entirely closed after the tanks were filled. There seems to be no doubt that the disaster to F-4 prompted the in the past. Department to make a test of the Edison battery. Whether the crew of F-4 were drowned or asphyxiated, chlorine gas was always a danger to

These deplorable accidents, together with minor mischances of recent occurrence in the navy, cannot fail to create an impression that the men of latest Mexican crisis.—Evening Post. with which they have to deal, and that sometimes the officers are either statesmanship. deficient in technical training or lack

The West Side Railroad. The scheme for remodelling the railroad on the west side of Manhatcials of the New York Central and country, in city, town, village and the city authorities promises to rid public and private, without depriving the community of any of its neces coercion but through the adoption of a sensible policy of compromise, under which city and railroad make conment of the object both had in view. It will be recalled that Mayor MITCHEL was accused last year of lack of diligence in the negotiations with the railroad on this subject. to satisfy the public his answer to these charges must be complete and understandable of all. As that answer is set forth in the announcement think the Mayor need give the matter no further thought.

To a Lady in Philadelphia.

We conceive it to be only proper should be given to the gratitude and FAIRBURN, the maker of matches, and respect inspired in the minds of all in this case the Museum's action carhonorable men and women by the action of the courageous lady in Philadelphia who, at the sacrifice of her own comfort and privacy, has complained to the Federal authorities of loves the other nations and is punish certain blackmailers and supplied them for their own good.—Dr. Seen certain blackmailers and supplied the testimony on which they may be professor of theology in the University of Berlin. prosecuted.

She deserves the sympathy of all

the demands of hysterical and uninhigh but who are wofully deficient admirable if it didn't consist largely

Is it too much to hope that the revelations she is instrumental in making may penetrate the lawmaking Mexico will sympathize with the Balconsciousness sufficiently to insure, if kan royalties who are forced to run not the repeal of this foolish and away from their thrones. crime breeding enactment, at least its amendment in such manner as to dis-might have said it: "Don't give up the between the Government of the United fight! States and extortioners? .

"Sudden-and Belated." Among the letters taken from the enterprising Von Papen and transmitted to this country from London is one signed with the initials "R. V. M." and assumed to be from the hand of the German Consul at New Orleans. It bears date of December 4 1915, and in it a phrase is used that Criticism of a Brooklyn Attempt to so completely exposes the manner in which the Government dealt with Von PAPEN it merits reproduction:

"That demand for your recall has been so sudden-and belated."

The accumulating evidence of Von bother us, and Mr. Scarr can keep Papen's activities, the full measure of the use of the word "belated" in recountry. When finally it became the was. It certainly colossal in the way The explosion on submarine E-2 in painful duty of the Administration to handle dissociate him from our official life, was done at this entertainment.

It was Von Papen who wrote con-

Recent reports from the Schwimut the gas was not accounted for.

Wise from Detroit, indicate a certain and sign the "contract." As a matter tion in the sign the connection believed as a fateful connection believed and rapport believed as fateful connection believed as the sign the connection and rapport believed as fateful connection believed as the sign the connection and rapport believed as fateful connection believed as fateful connection believed as fateful connection and rapport believed as fateful connection believ tween the loss of F-4 at Honolulu on tween the original promoter of the March 25, 1915, and the explosion on expedition and the persons who are E-2 as she stood in dry dock. The responsible for its grotesque and now

found that corrosion of rivets ad- We are glad of this for Mr. Forb's mitted sea water to the exterior of sake. Almost everybody will be glad ; of the storage batteries and thence to the kind feeling toward him is, we the interior of the ballast tank. The believe, nearly universal. If he made sea valves of the tank were open and a mistake in his estimate of people, additional water entered the hull, and, in some cases, of their real mo-"probably to the extent of several tives, it was the mistake of a sincere

Circumstances, not men, determine leading Presidential issues.

Washington advises the country that "service to humanity" will be less fashionable this year than it has been

tained a remarkable popularity since August of last year.

WASHINGTON, January 15.—Politics—ne craven consideration that unfortunately befogs so often honest discussion of public questions in both the Se ate and the House—is a principal of the

the submarine flotilla do not always | That is, the other fellow's politics understand the intricate machines is craven and unfortunate and beforging; but our politics is properly to be described as high and disinterested

We congratulate the editor and pub lisher of the Eagle Almanac for 1916 on the new and simplified index with which they have equipped this admirable reference book. It renders easily available the information "general of tan at last agreed to by the offi- the world, and special of New York city and Long Island" that is con tained within the covers of the work and this is high praise for any index the town of a constant menace to the safety of its people and an eyesore warehouses of knowledge will underinflicting great injury on property, stand. Aided by this key the ordinary mortal equipped with the almanac can resolve his doubts on any subject that commonly stirs men to dispute sary transportation facilities. This know of no more valuable aid to inresult will be brought about not by telligence than a good almanac, and the Eagle Almanac is not only good in that it covers the official world sufficiently, but in that it furnishes a great store of facts about social and semiessions necessary to the accomplish- public life and characters that is not elsewhere easily available. We confes without shame that we have cribbed freely from the Eagle Almanac in the We admit that we shall do the same in the future; and we counse everybody who may be moved to as THE SUN at that time remarked that sail our statements of fact to buy an Eagle Almanac to confirm his memory before he engages in discussions with us.

The amount of cotton seed crushed 1915 was 2,628,610 tons, against 3.338,176 tons in the previous year. and the shortage contributed materially to the high price of olive oil.

The Museum of Safety, with entire appropriateness and after careful study of the subject, has gratified al appropriate that expression of us by giving a gold medal to Mr ries with it unanimous election to the Hall of the Immortals.

> Germany, in killing her enemies and invading their territories, is simply performing a work of charity. Germany

On the same day comes a despatch from Paris that the Belgian Govern

additional war levy of 40,000,000 france monthly on the nation. "Faith, hope certain evildoers but actually to meet greatest of these is charity."

> Watchful waiting might be in a continual turning of the other cheek.

The Americans who are fleeing from

ship unless you are too proud to

sonably familiar with the immigration service if she persists in her visits to these hospitable shores. A political party that puts a hy

Mrs. PANKHURST will become rea

phen into its platform will be defeated

INTERPRETING DICKENS.

Impersonate His Characters.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIF: attended on January 11 an entertain-ment described as "Life Portrayals of auspices of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences. The individual who they would be so true to life that they would appeal alike to the student and his records in cuneiform for all we which is not yet known to the public, the casual reader of Dickens. Appar care; we are going to be true to indicates the essential accuracy of ently he had some warrant for his as sertion, for the applause was liberal and the use of the word "belated" in re-one enthusiastic hay in my hear! ferring to his disappearance from this said he was "magnificent." Maybe It certainly took something

For instance, he introduced immortal am Weller. Of course Sam left nothiverer of Chevalier's songs. He prefaced his introduction of Uriah

Heep at the never to be forgotten scene of Micawber's denunciation of the archhypocrite by saying that David Copper-field, Traddles, Betsy Trotwood, Mr. Dick, Agnes and Mr. Wickfield had been summoned by Heep to witness the sign ridiculous even to the most casual ader of Dickens, for there was no such "marriage contract" nor talk of one and Heep was appalled at the appearance of David and his friends. Then f Heep's in which he commanded Mr Wickfield repeatedly to come forward bed with rheumatic fever upstairs the failure having conferred power of attorney on ovable friend Traddles.

Captain Cuttle was introduced in his k with Florence Dombey just precedwas true to life.

father the actor described him as com-Nell's death bed. My impression is that the grandfather had nothing to gamble with at that late day. At any rate the actor made the old man say, "Dear Nell, why lie idle there when there are blackberries to plck?" The fact that Dickens said "bright red berries" is little

to the purpose, I suppose.

We have, too, according to the portrayer, Bill Sikes addressing the old Jew as "Fagy." Bill had a great many

A Strange Suggestion of Possible reeful addresses for Pagin, but never, think, a pet name. Nancy, by the ay, is accused of desiring to give Bill ip to the police, something she never contemplated.

ourpose of instruction as well as enter-ainment, and it seems a pity, even when the demands of a dramatic reproduction are considered, that so many radical and misleading departures from the real Dickens should be permitted without a protest.

WILLIAM R. THORNTON. BROOKLYN, January 14.

THE PAPER MATCH.

In Instrument as Dangerous as It is

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir. This vere condemned and withdrawn from use. About the only excuse of-for their wholesale distribution s the fact that the paper cover in which the matches are enclosed can be utilized for advertising gum, patent medicines, whiskey, clears, &c.

Paper matches are of an insidious, dangerous character. If there is any doubt about this ask the man who has trand to light a time day of the contract. out about this ask the man who has ried to light a pipe, cigar or cigarette out them and suddenly had the en-ire card blaze up in his hand or in its face. Once a man has had such a experience he is a bit wary of using saper matches again, and there are one who have discarded them entirely

in the home is to be condemned. Un-the many safety matches, once the apier matches are lighted and the lame extinguished there still remains a glow that sometimes lasts for a minute or two. If the match is cast away while in this condition it may NEW YORK, January 15.

AMERICA FIRST!

Simple Platform Suggested Place of Watchful Waiting.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN Sir: ems high time for the people of these nited States to rise in their might nd demand that "watchful waiting," too proud to fight" and like expres-ions give place to the American citi-en, wherever he be, may he always right, but right or wrong, the erican citizen.
hen, if the President fails in his

worn duty to the country, the flag and he people, from which and whom he erives his power, let the freeborn n arise and demand that he be im-SAMUEL WESLEY WILMINGTON, Del., January 15.

> The Pen and the Sword Remarked the pen: "The sword I slight, Behold again

My greater might That trusty steel. Once gleaming bright Has come to feel Too proud to fight.

Though blood may flow

And hope take flight. Teo proud to write." MCLANDBURGH WILCOM

THE BUDGETEER.

His salary is \$15 or \$50 a week, or something between, but he subdivides it with as much pains as though it were five hundred. He is his own Board of Estimate and Apportion arithmetic is to him no task, but charmed recreation.

The list of his expenditures is not long. First come the taxes, which at the sum paid last year require so much a week or month to be laid aside against their reimposition. He knows to a half ton how much coal he burned last winter and is saving a certain small sum computed to amount, on October 1, to just the cost of next The water rate and winter's supply. fire insurance are not forgot. If the budgeteer pays city rent all these

items are lumped.

Next comes the housekeeper's share. How fortunate if she is the budgeteer's equal partner in the strange enterprise of living within their means Her word for it, she can't set the table and dress the children for less than so much a week. She kept accounts for a twelvemonth and is equipped with an "average weekly cost." Down goes on the list.

There are a life insurance item, a commutation ticket (or car fares). weekly payments on the plano, certain appropriations, and the tale of fixed charges is complete.

Now a clean cut 5 per cent, or day when the budgeteer becomes an Investor.

Is there anything left? Yes, enough new hat come Easter or to go to a couple of the season's concerts. She will do neither, depend upon it; likely she will tell him later that Mary needed to go to the dentist, or that Jack wanted skates too badly

Then the budgeteer, pausing in the sion and the dreams that he finds paper, will look at her, and in the eyes of the other each will read the blessing of the present and the promise of the future.

CAUSE OF THE TRAGEDY. Bulair Should Have Been Attacked Instead of Gallipoli.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: All neighbors the papers are full of the tragedy of him. His the Gallipoli campaign, as published in rather big the Official Gazette and as passed by ornaments, the English censor, with the appalling or impressiveness. The army is a mass loss of about 200,000 men. Evidently of fighting men, arranged in neighborloss of about 200,000 men. the object of making this official expose hood groups, who obey orders when it of bad leadership and lack of coordinstion is for the purpose of diverting at- the officers who are unfortunate enough undoing, instead of Gallipoli,

ing the return of Walter Gay, but was of Saros at Bulair, where the land is army can read and write their not, I regret to say, the Captain Cuttle low and rolling, which would have enlow and rolling, which would have en-abled them to take the Dardanelles obnot, I regret to say, the Captain Cuttle of loving memory—none of your "when found make a note of." Indeed, this Cuttle not only departed from the Dickens text, but he spoke with a brogue that was thicker than the thickest of mush. Mrs. MacStinger, on the contrary, was presented without a the contrary, was presented without a the contrary, and provided the contrary of dialect, so of course she too. rue to life.

pleturing Little Nell's grandtrying to fight our way through it."

Ever since the English made their first attack on the Dardanelles this matter has been a subject of discussion who have been there, and it is

Fraud in the Satisfaction Pieces.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The murder of Americans in Chihuahua The Brooklyn Institute of Arts and is demanded. Carranza is asset to lit cannot be abything each and kill the murderers. Carranza serious weakness on the part of the catch and kill the murderers. Carranza serious weakness on the part of the purpose of instruction as well as enterpoons, call them by the names of Rodriguez and Almeida, and, if he dared, also Villa, and declare they were the assassins and shoot them. And this overnment will be satisfied. But the real culprits w culprits will escape

Carranza will not catch them. In the matter of rounding up peons Carranza would only follow precedent. Not many years ago several Spaniards were killed, also some Gormans and a woman among them. The respective the victims Governments of strong representations, and the Mexi-can Government, unable to secure the real criminals, fastened the atroclous the safety first era it is about act on some inoffeneive peons, made me that the paper or card matches a farcical trial, and the unhappy ere condemned and withdrawn from wretches paid for the inability of the Government to produce the assassins. This kind of thing is common enough

in that cursed country. You ask any one who has lived long enough to know NEW YORK, January 15

(Judges v., 20.) Under a starry sky I stood,

In a night of peace for me and mine, But I thought of far fields with mortal-Where the brutteh clods drink blood tinue for one-half year, beginning "O stars, how can ye so tranquilly summer vacation, the students return

sign-The stars in their courses 'gainst Sisera

away, But still in my thought the theme I have the student return to college

"If they fight from heaven, not doubt-Earth, too, is a star-not other than untlor they; She will arm her throughout, with those cohorts bright.

Ere that spirit malefic her freedon All stars in their courses 'gainst Sisera

Vainly the Height Whose invincible hosts upon thee shall

throng—
"The stars in their courses 'gainst Bleers Aght!"

THOMAS. EDITH M. THOMAS.

PRIMITIVE MONTENEGRO. Why Her Resistance to Austria Was

Hopeless From the First. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: FO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: I spent some weeks with the Montenegrin army before Scutari during the first Balkan war, and subsequently travelled a bit in that poor little kingdom. The Montenegrins are a tribe of brave, and sometimes civilized, feudists utterly incapable of successful resistance to the organized forces sent against them. organized forces sent against them by the Teutonic allies, now that Serbia has been definitely eliminated as an aid to

the Black Mountain kingdom. A more pitiful conflict cannot be imagined than that between Montenegro, without Serbia behind her, and Austria, without Serbia benind her, and Austra, with Germany back of her. During the first Balkan war the Montenegrin army numbered less than thirty thousand, including men of 65 and 70 years and boys of 15 or 16. This army saw terrible fighting, much of it hand to hand, with the Turks and Albanian irregulars before the Ottomans retrested. regulars before the Ottomans retreated into Scutari. During the siege some considerable losses were sustained in sorties and assaults. The sum of thes casualties affected the total muster of the kingdom's fighting men permanently, while the added territory that came under King Nicholas after the Balkan wars was peopled by Albanians and Mo-hammedans, not Montenegrins, small aid to the country's battle strength

In the bushwhacking that has gone on steadily since the beginning of the present war the small Montenegrin present war the small Montenegrin fighting force has suffered from steady wearing away by attacks from Austria and from Albania and in counter Now a clean cut 5 per cent. of the analysis of the saved outright, if attacks against these enemies made by it is humanly possible—to be savings-banked, as it ought to be lawful to call it, until the dawn of that inspiriting a par with those of our Iroquois Indians during the height of their power before the war of the Revolution. The Montenegrin armies have about the same sort of effectiveness and limitations as pocket money, it may be, to permit the budgeteer to buy his favorite clear on occasions; and the equal partner will be able either to have a property of effectiveless and aminutions as an impulsion of modern warfare is really directed against the Montenegrins they partner will be able either to have a property of all their courage and experience in a sort more effective than that employed in good hot Kentucky It is really "army" as if it were similar to an army of a civilized Power, to speak of Montenegro as a "kingdom," to speak of its "capital," Cettinje, its "archives," its "King," his "palace." These words have us totally different meanings than pitiful insignificances they describe

in Montenegro.

dolent warriors, few in number, unproductive of wealth of all sorts, lacking art, science, industries. Cettinje disagreeable, ugly village without picturesque structure in it. The King is a brave and able country gentleman, poor but respected, who controls his neighbors because of their respect for His palace is a reasonably good, rather big farmhouse, almost without ornaments, certainly without any beauty than a dozen technically trained fighters instead of Gallipoll.

Bulair is at the narrowest part of the list the whole Montenegrin army during isthmus connecting the peninsula of Gallipoli with the mainland. The troops are very few more now. Indeed, if 50 could have been landed from the Gulf per cent. of the officers of the present

of dialect, so of course she too was a fatal mistake not to try to cut sustained in the field up to the present moment. Bravery cannot win in war to-day as it did when the greatest battle was a series of personal encounters or duels between the men of the opposing armies. As duellists the Monte negrins cannot be equalled, for they have notable courage, have notable physical Probably the real reason why Sir Ian Hamilton was relieved. Powhatan, Washington, D. C., January 13. strength, long training in facing death with indifference. But as modern soldiers, even in their own country, they are useless against the forces that the Teutonic allies can bring and are bringing against them. That Montenegro could hold out unaided against Austria was an insane hope on the part of Italy and the Allies, a hope that Montenegro prob-ably did not share. The disappearance murder of Americans in Chihuahua rance, the final complete conquest of has stirred thise country. Reparation Montenegro, is as good as accomplished. Carranza is asked to it cannot be anything but a sign

GREENWICH, Conn., January 14.

A STUDENT REGIMENT.

Plan to Combine the College Course With Military Training. leving that the chief aim of a collegi

ate course is to produce good citizens well equipped with health, learning and moral stamina, able to win their way to high positions in the affairs of life, and believing that military training is of great benefit to the individual, as well as a duty of citizenship, a plan has occurred to me which might produce men of superior mental and physical equipment with no financial or time loss to the student and little extra contracts. to the student and little extra cost to the Government. It is an effort to give the student the great advantage of a

The plan follows: A student regi-ment would be formed at a Government post, officered by regular army men, such as the type detailed now to teach at West Pani. The at West Point. The course would con-While one spirit malefic still lords his finished. Such subjects as civics, military history, strategy, military engl the heavens there flashed a neering, sanitation (mechanical engineers might take a mouth in a Government arsenal shop), &c., would be taught by these instructors as well as "Ye legions on high, but the fight is in vain,
For the lines of his armies stretched east and west,
And still are the thousands of good men slain!"

The negroward the stars: "Such spirs.

The regiment would be entirely separate. Then answered the stars: "Such spirits possessed of an arrogant madness in armor are of students from various colleges.

The regiment would be entirely separate made public yesterday, 15.1 while the mortality in the the State was 14.9. In the Of an arrogant madness in armor are dressed.

The college would give one-half year school credit to those completing the city's nopulation on July 1 course, which would be entirely elec- 5,585,772. On this basis Held

> WHARTON CLAY. CHICAGO, January 13. Mr. Thunder's Male Chorus.

four years in college. I would prefer to

From Musical America.

The Fortnightly Club of Philadelphia was heard in the first invitation concert

Recent Tremblings of the Earth. Knicker-An earthquake has been re-

corded.

OPTIONAL CITY RULE PLAN HELD ILLEGAL

Attorney-General Woodbury Says It Violates Principles of Law.

NEED NEW LEGISLATION

ALBANT, Jan. 15 .-- Attorney cleneral Woodbury to-day declared unconstitu tional that section of the optional city government law, under which cities have the power to adopt ordinance superseding or repealing existing charm provisions made by legislative enac ment. The opinion was the result of a Attorney-General and Deputy Attorney General Harold J. Hinman, formerly m. jority leader of the State Newburgh and Niagara Falls are to

of the cities now operating under one of the five simplified plans of governmen provided by the optional city governmen law. These cities selected the city man ager plan. The effect of the opinion wil be to send the officers of these cities back to the Legislature for addit charter powers, and it may be that the Legislature will find amend the law so as to provide a com-plete form of government similar to that embodied in the second class cities lay under each of the five simplified plan provided under the optional government

The Legislature in enacting the op-tional government law simply provide an outline of the machinery of govern ment for a city adopting simplified plans and left to city council the determination of wha other officers and employees were necessary for the administration of the affairs of the city, the prescribing of their duties and the passage of ordinance-superseding or repealing charter pro visions regulating such matters

The question whether the existin cases was left to the judgment and dis cretion of the council without eith check or guidance. The Attorney-Ge The kingdom is rocky mountainsides eral held that the Legislature could not and poor valleys anhabited by a race of brave, ignorant, poverty stricken, ingeneral delegation of its powers.

Raising of the Question

The question of the constitutionality by the city of Niagara Falls as to the power of the City Council to change the name of the "overseer of the poor" to that of "commissioner of charities." The Attorney-General held that the Co

"The optional city government law attempts to overcome the difficulties the way of providing a uniform charte for cities of the third class and whi have thus far proved insurmountable be the provisions of section 37." Attorney General Woodbury says. this section provides that the Cley Co cli under any of the plans provided by ordinance transfer from on to another any duties and powers a imposed upon any officer or employ and when all the duties of an office h been transferred the office

"It then proceeds to provide the Council shall have the power late by ordinance the exercise power and the performance of a by any officer and that upon the of such ordinance every provision charter of the city relating therete cease to have any such city. The only limitation prouse as to such power is the provise such power of regulation by the shall not extend to provisithe manner of providing franchi ing real estate or incurring indebtedness or to any provision

requiring any matter to be submi he vote of the electors or taxpaver "The effect of this section gate to the council of the city power repeal so much of the existing as it sees fit so far as the sam to the exercise of powers formance of duties by any of would cover practically the whole city Charter, and just how far it we go would depend upon the judgment discretion of the council and not of

Violation of Principles In conclusion Atterney-General Wee

Legislature.

judgment and specify what powers will give and what it will not give far as local legislation is concern When it does grant such a power does not pretend to legislate upon st jects within that power at all, but must specify the limits of the pow. The optional city government law lates both principles

"The Legislature does not specified what powers the council may provide for by regulation. It exercises no jude ment in that behalf but attempt that the council may regulate to cise of any power of any office city. Furthermore, so far an charters already in force are of the Legislature has already at its own act what the powers of these officers shall be and w short continuous military training and to give the country a source of potential strength not now available.

The plan follows: A student regiment to say which par men of the power to say which par men of the p tations shall be placed the power to say which part o ment of the Legislature seems to me perfectly clear

provisions are unconstitutio

CITY CENSUS IS DISPUTED Health Commissioner Imers

Health Commissioner Far be Rogers, director of the Federas in Washington, and to be the

made public yesterday, 15.1 per squering light";
But the end of such madness was ever unblest—
"The stars in their courses 'gainst Sisera fight."

Under the argent sky I stood;
The speech of the stars had ebbei gaway.

Course, which would be entirely elective, and such college would select such subjects to be omitted from graduation requirements in each department as would leave a required course of study which in addition to the army course which in addition to the army course would produce citizens with equal if not better attainments than those remaining Senatorial representation. manent residents were the word "permanent" an uninterrupted senior year under the terrifeted by the enumerate collegiate influence, making the usual Transient guests in four years from matriculation to grad-omitted from the State of the collegiate of th Transient guests in omitted from the State condents in such establish always included in the more

At the Hotel Astor the showed 69 residents, where numbered by the police. hospitals and city dweller. "All stars in their courses 'gainst Sisera fight!"

ENVOL.

Thou Maker of War—hark Deborah's song!

Valuly they war who war with The Height.

The Fortnightly Club of Philadelphia hospitals and city dwelters about outcome of the summer were of its twenty-third season at the Academy of Music last evening. This popular male chorus, of which Henry Gordon Thunder is director, once more demonstrated its last five years was at the Taylor and the city's growth of the city's

more slowly than New Yo was also behind the rem State, which developed a 14.5 per cent. This again Booker-Maybe it was just a few old saserted, was contrary to a fachtoned patriots turning in their graves. | perience.